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SUBJECT: GOI: EVERGREEN CAN'T SELF-HANDLE AT GROTTAGLIE

REF: A. STATE 10190

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¶1. (U) In response to ref A demarche, Gennaro Bronzone, Deputy Chief of Air Regulatory Service at ENAC, Italy's aviation regulatory agency, told Econoff that the GOI cannot allow Evergreen to conduct cargo self-handling operations because, as a low-traffic airport, Grottaglie is not subject to liberalization under the bilateral open skies agreement. Evergreen, he said, must come to some agreement with Societa Esercizio Aeroporti Puglia (SEAP) to share cargo-handling duties related to the transport of 787 parts.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Embassy was preparing to approach the GOI at higher levels, when we received word (ref B) that Evergreen preferred that we stop pressing this issue. That said, we stand ready to advocate further for Evergreen as needed. End comment.

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